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1. Two Soviet administrative offices in Harbin are the Railway Administrative Office in the old Upvavlenie buildings and the Second Region Administration in the old Oksakvoski School. Officials of the Railway Administrative Office wear black uniforms with white shoulder straps. The director of the Railway Administration is General Zhuravlev. It is reported that he has been appointed director of the Moscow-Leningrad Railway and that his successor will be Grenevevitch.\*
2. The Konsulski Club is behind the railway mess (Zheleznno-Dorozhnoe Sobranie), near the Soviet Consulate.
3. There are no Soviet troops stationed in Harbin. Soviet troops passing through Harbin generally do so at night but when troop trains pass during the day, the doors of the train are kept closed. Soviet troops stationed outside of Harbin wear Chinese cotton-padded uniforms with no insignia. From the features of these troops, it is quite definite that they are Soviet troops and not Mongolian, Korean, or Japanese. These troops are forbidden to have contact with the local population, either European or Chinese. Soviet troops pay visits to Harbin to collect stores. 50X1-HUM
4. The airfield between Modigov and Stary Harbin is being enlarged. It is used for training and aircraft take-off approximately every two minutes. It is believed that a school run by Soviets for the training of Chinese pilots is attached to the airfield. The Chinese pilots wear top-boots and cotton-padded uniforms. Aircraft are parked on the ground of the old Khovatski School in Harbin.
5. Movements in the vicinity of the railway marshalling yards and the station are strictly controlled. At Harbin the railway rolling stock are repaired at the Harbin Locomotive and Wagon Repair Works (Kharbinski Paravozny I Vagonny Remontny Zavod).

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6. The barracks in the vicinity of Korpusei Gorodok, Harbin, are full of Chinese troops.

\*  Comment.  Lt. Gen. 50X1  
Grinichev replaced Maj. Gen. Zhuravlev as head of the Chinese Changchun  
Railway Administration. 50X1-HUM

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